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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

The Township Committee held a special meeting last Friday afternoon. Mr. Stout read a report received from Expert Accountant H. D. Oliphant, showing in detail the correctness of the accounts and charges made for work done upon the outlet sewer, upon the basis of which Bloomfield was called upon to pay her share under the contract. The bill for the services of the accountant amounted to some \$50, and it was regarded as money well expended, under the circumstances.

The Engineer of the Erie Railway Company was present to secure permission of the Township to erect a bridge over the Watchung Railway at Arlington Avenue. Maps showing the grade, etc., were exhibited. Upon motion permission was granted the Company to place a bridge over the cut giving headroom of twenty feet above the rails, provided the filling in to make the street grade be done to the satisfaction of the Road Committee, a written agreement to be signed by the Company. A letter was read from the Montclair Township Committee, in relation to the right of way for the outlet sewer through Washington street, declining to accept the terms proposed by Bloomfield.

It was decided by the Bloomfield Committee, that in view of differences of opinion, a conference of the Sewer Committee from each Township should be held to see if some satisfactory arrangement could be made.

Republican County Committee's Tribute to Blaine.

At a meeting of the Republican Committee of the county of Essex, held Friday evening, the following resolution was adopted:

"The Essex County Republican Committee have learned with profound sorrow of the death of James G. Blaine, in whom the nation has lost one of its most distinguished citizens and famous statesmen. In Congress, in the Senate, in the Cabinet and in the party he has been always acknowledged as a leader of the greatest ability, not only as an orator and for his influence upon the public mind and heart, but also because of his courage and originality in the support of such measures and policies as should make this nation prosperous at home and increase its fame and dignity abroad. His patriotism, kindness and affability, together with his marvelous memory of detail and interest in every one that he had ever met, were marked personal traits. He was enthusiastically admired, followed and loved throughout the land. His name belongs to history, which will accord him a high place among the great and honored of the world.

Resolved, That this committee, as an expression of its sorrow at the loss of the Nation, do hereby order that the flag of this committee, on the day of the funeral of the deceased, be placed at half mast.

Resolved, That the foregoing minute be recorded in the book of the County Committee, published in the newspapers and a copy transmitted to the family of the deceased.

R. WAYNE PARKER,
JAMES E. HOWELL,
EDWARD S. JOY,
GEORGE E. RUSSELL,
THOMAS MAGWANE,
Committee.

Bloomfield and Montclair Real Estate Transfers.

Robert M. Boyd et ux to Francis Wood, Montclair, Belle-Ville ave., 373 & 4th Valley rd. 75x235. 1,500
The Real Estate and Improvement Company of Bloomfield, Bloomfield, a Walnut at 50 ft. to w. cor. Leonard Lewis, 50x100. 375
The Lappin & Bate Shoe Company to Hattie S. Hodson, Bloomfield, w. a Newark and Bloomfield Railroad Company 175 ft. Washington to st. 311x221. 4,400
Caroline D. Davis to Roger H. Butterworth, Bloomfield, s. w. cor. Matthias Dodd, 147x200. 1
Roger H. Butterworth et ux to Montclair Lyvere, Bloomfield, s. w. cor. Matthias Dodd, 102x114. 1
Montclair Lyvere to Albert Ungar, Bloomfield, same premises, 2,350

A Missing \$100 Bill.

On Sunday, January 31st, a large collection was taken up in the First Presbyterian church for foreign missions, and one of the officers placed a \$100 bill on the plate. This number, led by courtesy to learn the amount of the collection, remained after the service and looked on while the contents of the plates were being counted. Naturally he looked for his own contribution and to his great surprise it did not appear. Thinking that some mistake had been made he spoke of the matter. A search was then made among the other bills and through the church, but it could not be found. An advertisement inserted in these columns failed to bring it to light and the officers came to the conclusion that it must have slipped from the plate as it was being passed around. Some strangers sat in the rear of the donor and it is suspected that one of them purloined the bill.—Orange Chronicle.

BLAINE AND BUTLER.

A Few Personal Recollections.

The death of Gen. Butler has brought to the surface many stories illustrative of his character. The writer was with him in the first command which he had at "The Relay House," Md., when a sentry shot a cow and the long roll was beat and the whole command put under arms. From there went with him into Baltimore and took possession after the 6th Mass. had been fired into. A heavy rain storm caused us to seek shelter in a school house, but as there were rumors of an attack, we were all marched to Federal Hill, which was a bleak place in a rain storm. The only place for shelter was a larger beer saloon on the hill. The boys crowded it full, (and quite a number of them got full, too). Butler and his staff wanted it for headquarters, so the boys were ordered out in terms rude and ornamented with oaths that aroused feelings the reverse of friendly for the General.

He was promoted and ordered to Hatteras Inlet, the steamer leaving in the night. Volunteers were called for to escort him to the wharf, but no one volunteered, so that the company to which the writer belonged was ordered out. At midnight with a drum corps we escorted him to the steamer. The music was an air not at all complimentary and expressed the feelings we all had for him at the time.

Did not see him again until the draft riots of 1863 in New York brought him there to restore order. A platform had been erected in the park right in front of the City Hall, where Gen. Butler stood before a desperate mob as any man ever faced. It was a howling mass of rioters and they hurled at him all the vile epithets such creatures have at ready command. Someone on the outer edge of the crowd threw an apple at him which fell down at his feet. With the utmost coolness he stooped and picked it up. Taking his pen knife from his pocket he deliberately peeled it and ate it. It was a dramatic scene and the fact that what was could not have done for him, as from that moment the crowd gave him attention, were cowed, listened to him and dispersed quietly. Gen. Butler was the man for just such emergencies.

In New Orleans, while one of Bloomfield's candidates for Post Master has no reason to remember him with any pleasure, he gave that city such a cleaning that it has been in a state of comparative good health ever since.

One of the secrets of James G. Blaine's hold upon the people was the remarkable memory he had, and being Democratic in the very largest sense in which that word can be used. The writer was in the west during the fall of 1872 while Blaine was making some speeches for Grant. The porter had called me an hour too soon for the train which I was to take and while pacing up and down the corridor a gentleman came into the hotel from a train just arrived. He noticed the G. A. R. but worn, said it was too late to go to bed, struck up a conversation, in which we exchanged names and it was the first time I had ever seen Jas. G. Blaine. Four years afterwards he was at the Cooper Institute and after he had made one of his great speeches came to the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and learning that the Boys in Blue Central Committee were in session in a room at the hotel stepped in to see "the boys." One after another was introduced to him, but as he took the writer by the hand he said, "You and I don't need any introduction, for we got pretty well acquainted some time ago." It was a trifling incident, and yet how it raised that man in my estimation, that with all the people he came in contact with crowding his memory he should have had room to store away my name and features so as to be able to recall them when we should again meet after such a lapse of time. A great light went out when he was called away, and thousands are left to mourn the loss of one they loved because he was a typical American.

What a procession it has been that we have seen marching to the tomb, Lincoln, Seward, Thad. Stevens, O. P. Morton, Stanton, Greeley, Roscoe Conkling, Garfield, Arthur, Sheridan, Grant, Sherman, Hayes, and a host of others whose deeds illuminate the pages of American history, but the most brilliant star among them all, in our estimation, is Blaine.

JAPANESE HOUSEHOLDS.

A Pretty Picture of them by Sir Edwin Arnold.

I have a friend in the United States who has built himself a villa in the Moorish style, at St. Augustine, in Florida, as well as an exact reproduction of the "Edible House" in Pompeii—with all its original classic grace of ornamentation—at Saratoga. Both these styles have their charm, and might be well adapted to modern requirements; but it was to be wondered that nobody has imitated the Japanese houses, when building a rural residence in America or England. The longer I myself live in these exquisitely neat and clean dwellings, the more I find to admire and to praise in them, and then, moreover, they are so decidedly healthy, so extremely inexpensive to erect, so absurdly easy to furnish, and so entirely refined, becoming and artistic as abodes for people of taste and of nice habits. The Japanese abode in which I passed my days of repose at Saratoga could have been purchased, I believe, for eight or nine hundred yen, or say \$600. It certainly had not cost as much to build; and yet it was good enough for anybody of simple habits to live in. A Prince of the Imperial House had indeed—conceived it before me for the winter weeks. I suppose he paid no more than I did, about forty yen per month, and had found it just as comfortable.

All Japanese residences being constructed on much the same lines, and of much the same materials, the differences are found principally in perfection of finish, delicate carpentry, and spotless cleanliness of mats, wood work, and accessories. The rooms are measured by the number of mats they contain, for the mat [tatami] of Japan is of an absolutely fixed standard, and does not vary a hair's breadth in length and breadth, all over the Empire. Thus every abode in the land—from the Emperor's palace to the lowest little shed in Tokyo, or wayside tenement on the "Tokaido road"—is built with reference to the mat, and all over the land, being as it is, not yet cursed with great peace-loving manufactures, and tall chimneys, poisoning Heaven's air with smoke, you will see the tatami-mat, or matmaker, at his ceaseless labor, sewing the rice straw together to the prescribed thickness of two inches, overlaying it with finely-woven grass-weed, and then adroitly binding the smoothly trimmed with edges black cloth. 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